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| 1. Am | endme | ent Transmittal wit | h Certificate of Tra | ansmissk | on under 37 CFR 1.8(a) | dated February 20, | |

- 2004 (2 pages); and
- 2. Amendment A in response to non-final office action mailed 12/15/2003 (7 pages);

Best regards. Ronald E. Smith

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Applicant:

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: Prosthetic Foot with Medial/Lateral Stabilization

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims, and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3738, Atm: Mr. Alvin J. Stewart, (703) 872-9302 on February 20, 2004.

Dated: February 20, 2004

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| (Col.1) Claims Remaining After Amendment | | | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | | | |
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Very respectfully,

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the non-final Examiner's Action mailed 12/15/2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 03/15/2004, please amend the above-identified patent application a first time as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.